

That which is claimed:

1. A method for providing a status certification for a first voicemail message in a telecommunications network comprising:
- (a) assigning a message identifier for said first voicemail message;
  - (b) creating a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event;
  - (c) associating said disposition identifier with said first voicemail message;
  - (d) compiling said disposition identifier and said first voicemail message identifier to create a status notification in response to a triggering event; and
  - (e) storing said status notification in a temporary voicemail box.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- (f) receiving a first reply;
  - (g) associating said first reply with said first voicemail message; and
  - (h) storing said first reply in said temporary voicemail box.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- (i) billing a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising an asynchronous dialog among users of the telecommunications system.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said asynchronous dialog comprises:

receiving a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail message;

associating said second reply with said first voicemail message; and

storing said second reply.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein said asynchronous dialog comprises:
- receiving a second voicemail message;
- associating said second voicemail message with said first voicemail message; and
- storing said second voicemail message.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:
- a managing event; and
- a dispatching event.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:
- accessing said first voicemail message;
- deleting said first voicemail message;
- presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;
- expiring said first voicemail message; and
- terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said communications network.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and  
malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:  
forwarding said first voicemail message; and  
replying to said first voicemail message.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises  
at least one of:

a type identifier;  
an alphanumeric identifier;  
a capabilities identifier; and  
an annotation.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises  
at least one of:

a communication network identifier;  
a device identifier;  
a role identifier;  
a party identifier;  
a date identifier; and  
a time identifier.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;  
a sender;  
a caller;  
a recipient; and  
a system administrator.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;  
an access address;  
a voice sample; and  
an image.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier;  
said disposition identifier;  
said reply; and  
said status notification.

16. The method of claim 14, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

deleting said attribute;  
monitoring said attribute;  
moving said attribute;  
forwarding said attribute;  
securing said attribute;  
archiving said attribute;  
backing up said attribute;  
informing a recipient of said attribute; and  
blocking said attribute.

17. A method for providing a status certification for a video mail message an asynchronous dialog in a video-enabled communications network comprising:

- (a) assigning a message identifier for said first video mail message;
- (b) creating a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event;
- (c) associating said disposition identifier with said first video mail message;
- (d) compiling said disposition identifier and said first video mail message identifier to create a status notification in response to a triggering event; and
- (e) storing said status notification in a temporary video mail box.

18. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

- (f) receiving said reply;
- (g) associating said reply with said first video mail message; and
- (h) storing said reply in said temporary video mail box.

19. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- (i) billing a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification.
20. A system for providing a status certification for a voicemail message dialog in a telecommunications network comprising a processor operative to:
- (a) assign a message identifier for said first voicemail message.
  - (b) create a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event; and
  - (c) associate said disposition identifier with said first voicemail message.
  - (d) compile said disposition identifier and said first voicemail message identifier to create said status notification in response to a triggering event; and
  - (e) store said status notification in a temporary voicemail box.
21. The system of claim 20, said processor further operative to:
- (f) receive said reply;
  - (g) associate said reply with said first voicemail message; and
  - (h) store said reply in said temporary voicemail box.
22. The system of claim 20, said processor further operative to:
- (i) bill a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification and said facilitating of said asynchronous dialog.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein said processor is further operative to permit an asynchronous dialog among users of the telecommunications system.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein said processor, to permit an asynchronous dialog:

receives a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail message;

associates said second reply with said first voicemail message; and

stores said second reply.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein said processor, to permit an asynchronous dialog:

receives a second voicemail message;

associates said second voicemail message with said first voicemail message; and

stores said second voicemail message.

26. The system of claim 20, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:

a managing event; and

a dispatching event.

27. The system of claim 26, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said first voicemail message;

deleting said first voicemail message;

presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;  
expiring said first voicemail message; and  
terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said communications network.

28. The system of claim 26, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:  
denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and  
malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.
29. The system of claim 26, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:  
forwarding said first voicemail message; and  
replying to said first voicemail message.
30. The system of claim 20, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:  
a type identifier;  
an alphanumeric identifier;  
a capabilities identifier; and  
an annotation.
31. The system of claim 20, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:  
a communication network identifier;



a device identifier;  
a role identifier;  
a party identifier;  
a date identifier; and  
a time identifier.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;  
a sender;  
a caller;  
a recipient; and  
a system administrator.

33. The system of claim 31, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;  
an access address;  
a voice sample; and  
an image.

34. The system of claim 20, further comprising storing an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier;

said disposition identifier;  
said reply; and  
said status notification.

35. The system of claim 34, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

deleting said attribute;  
monitoring said attribute;  
moving said attribute;  
forwarding said attribute;  
securing said attribute;  
archiving said attribute;  
backing up said attribute;  
informing a recipient of said attribute; and  
blocking said attribute.

36. The system of claim 35, further comprising a data repository operative to store said attributes.

37. The system of claim 36, wherein said data repository comprises a database.

38. The system of claim 36, wherein said data repository comprises:  
a first database for storing said first voicemail message; and

a second database for storing said attribute.

39. A system to provide a status certification for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

- (a) assign a message identifier for said first voicemail message.
- (b) create a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event; and
- (c) associate said disposition identifier with said first voicemail message.
- (d) compile said disposition identifier and said first voicemail message identifier to create said status notification in response to a triggering event; and
- (e) store said status notification in a temporary voicemail box.

40. The system of claim 39, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to:

- (f) receive said reply;
- (g) associate said reply with said first voicemail message; and
- (h) store said reply in said temporary voicemail box.

41. The system of claim 41, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to:

- (i) bill a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification and said facilitating of said asynchronous dialog.

42. The method of claim 39, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to permit an asynchronous dialog among users of the AIN.

43. The method of claim 42, wherein said intelligent peripheral, to permit an asynchronous dialog:

receives a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail message;

associates said second reply with said first voicemail message; and

stores said second reply.

44. The method of claim 42, wherein said intelligent peripheral, to permit an asynchronous dialog:

receives a second voicemail message;

associates said second voicemail message with said first voicemail message; and

stores said second voicemail message.

45. The system of claim 39, wherein said triggering event comprises at least one of:

a disposition event; and

a passage of time.

46. The system of claim 45, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of:

a managing event; and

a dispatching event.

47. The system of claim 46, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said first voicemail message;

deleting said first voicemail message;  
presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;  
expiring said first voicemail message; and  
terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said AIN.

48. The system of claim 46, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:  
denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and  
malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.
49. The system of claim 46, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:  
forwarding said first voicemail message; and  
replying to said first voicemail message.
50. The system of claim 39, further comprising:  
a service switching point functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral; and  
an interface functionally connected to a service switching point and operative to  
accept communications from a second communications network.
51. The system of claim 50, further comprising a mobile telephone switching office  
(MTSO) functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said  
status notification by a cellular device.

52. The system of claim 50, further comprising a computer network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said status notification by a computer network client device.

53. The system of claim 50, further comprising a personal digital assistant communications network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said status notification by a personal digital assistant.

54. The system of claim 39, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a type identifier;
- an alphanumeric identifier;
- a capabilities identifier; and
- an annotation.

55. The system of claim 39, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a communication network identifier;
- a device identifier;
- a role identifier;
- a party identifier;
- a date identifier; and
- a time identifier.

56. The system of claim 55, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;  
a sender;  
a caller;  
a recipient; and  
a system administrator.

57. The system of claim 55, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;  
an access address;  
a voice sample; and  
an image.

58. The system of claim 39, said intelligent peripheral further operative for storing an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier;  
said reply;  
said disposition identifier; and  
said status notification.

59. The system of claim 58, further comprising a service management system functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral, operative to perform administrative functionality comprising at least one of

deleting said attribute;  
monitoring said attribute;  
moving said attribute;  
forwarding said attribute;  
securing said attribute;  
archiving said attribute;  
backing up said attribute;  
informing a recipient of said attribute; and  
blocking said attribute.